

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-11, 14-16 and 19-30 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-11, 14-16 and 19-30 are allowed. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended.

Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is respectfully requested.


Applicants gratefully acknowledge the December 11 Supplemental Notice of Allowability indicating that claim 30 is also allowed.

No new matter has been added, and the Issue Fee has not yet been paid. Thus, entry and continued examination of this Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-11, 14-16 and 19-30 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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